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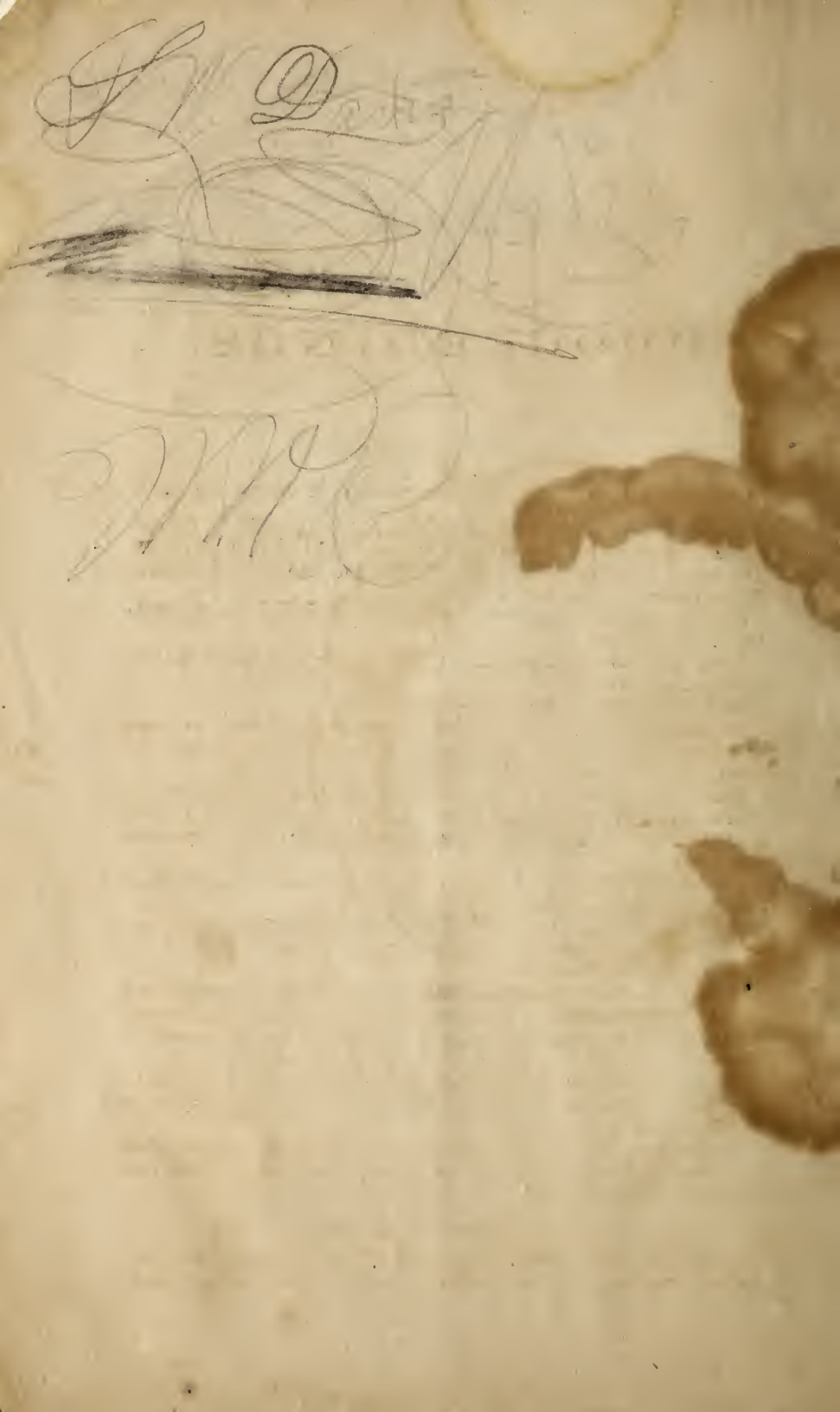

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

MORNING SESSION, Thursday, July 24.

Charlotte District Conference of N. C. Conference, M. E. Church, South, convened in the Methodist Church in Concord at 9 A. M., Thursday, July 24th, 1879, Rev. W. H. Bobbitt, D. D., President, in the Chair.

Religious services conducted by Rev. T. W. Guthrie, assisted by Rev. C. M. Pepper.

C. G. Montgomery, Secretary of last Conference, called the roll. Thirty-six responded.

C. G. Montgomery was elected Secretary.

On motion of Rev. T. W. Guthrie, it was resolved that we meet at 9 o'clock in the morning and adjourn at 11:00 for divine services. In the evening, at 3½ o'clock, and adjourn at will.

On motion of Rev. J. B. Alford, it was resolved that the Bar of Conference extend to second post. Amendment of Rev. H. P. Cole, that the Bar include the three first pews on each side. Accepted and carried.

On motion of Rev. A. A. Boshamer, it was resolved that we have no standing committees.

Package of books from Rev. V. A. Sharpe, Reidsville, N. C., presented by the President, and placed in the hands of Rev. T. W. Guthrie, for sale.

Rev. F. L. Reid, one of the editors of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, was presented by the President, and invited to a seat in the Conference. He placed a bundle of Advocates on the table for distribution.

On motion of Rev. J. H. Guinn, Rev. H. P. Cole, the President, W. J. Montgomery, and W. R. Odell compose a Committee on Public Worship

Letter from Rev. W. H. Thurber, pastor A. M. E. Church, Concord, and P. E. of the District, presented by Rev. H. P. Cole, read and placed on table.

CALL OF PASTORAL CHARGES.

Tryon St., Charlotte—A. A. Boshamer, P. C.—Spiritual condition perhaps not improved since last Conference. Has had no special

revival. Have many very pious men and women. Congregations good; very good; better than they have been during his pastorate. Have two prayer meetings;—a weekly prayer meeting conducted on Wednesday night by himself, which is very well attended—an increase in this attendance;—a young men's prayer meeting, conducted by the young men at 9:00 each Sabbath morning. Has "Love Feast" on Friday before 1st Sabbath in each month; very precious and profitable occasions, though not as largely attended as should be. Communion first Sabbath in each month. Good many members pray in public; among them several young men, who were trained in the young men's prayer meeting. Finances not as good as desired. Sunday-School, under the efficient management of Dr. T. C. Smith, Superintendent, is fine—very fine; better than heretofore. No. of names on the roll, 275. He has a Bible Class, composed exclusively of married ladies, which has proven exceedingly interesting and profitable to those belonging to it. He is wont to call it the banner class of the School, but candor compels him to yield this to the Infant Class, taught by Mrs. Dr. Green, whom he considers the most efficient instructor of infants he has ever known. The singing of the School, under the instruction of Mr. Arthur L. Butt, is the finest he has ever heard in S. Schools. They use the last issue of singing books from our Publishing House. He presumes a great many of his people do not conduct family worship while others do. Worldly amusements are not indulged in by a great many. Perhaps only one or two attend the ball room, from a membership of over 420. Some attend the theater. Thinks the circulation of the Advocate pretty good. S. S. literature is largely circulated.....Dr. T. C. Smith states that they have no Missionary Society in connection with the S. S. Have had no Missionary collection in the S. S. They purpose, in obedience to promise made the President, attending to this. Expects to meet the financial claims upon them. They are now behind, which is not the fault of the pastor, for he has been faithful—but the members; probably some lack of executing the system by the Stewards. Rev. A. A. Boshamer states that a debt due him has been paid this year, which may, in part, account for their being behind. Church property valued at $15,000.

On motion of W. J. Montgomery, the editors of the town papers were invited to seats in the Bar of the Conference.

Package "New Life," from our Publishing House, presented, and distributed by Rev. H. P. Cole.

President urged prompt attendance, reminding the Conference that we convened one day later than heretofore, and therefore, in order to transact the business they must be prompt.

On motion of H. G. Fladger, adjourned for preaching. Benediction by the President. Preaching by Rev. L. E. Stacey of Pineville.

AFTERNOON SESSION, Thursday, July 24, 1879.

President in the Chair promptly at 3½ o'clock.

Religious services by Rev. M. H. Hoyle.

Roll called Six arrivals reported.

Rev. T. W. Guthrie called attention to the books placed in his hands by the President, from Rev. V. A. Sharpe, making comment upon the value of each, and urging persons to purchose them.

Rev. N. M. Jurney, Agent for Trinity College, Rev. T. S. Campbell, of Lexington, and Rev J. T. Harris of Mooresville, were presented by the President.

PASTORAL CHARGES RESUMED.

Pleasant Grove—Rev. R. T. N. Stephenson, P. C.—Has six appointments; preaches every three weeks at each; preaches twice on Sabbath. Attendance very good. Would do more pastoral work if he did not preach twice on Sabbath. Condition of Churches:—Had two burned last, and one this year; one rebuilt complete, except painting; another finished outside except hanging doors and sash; another inferior building, which he desires to improve, and he has secured one hundred and thirty dollars, which is more than enough to make necessary repairs;—one other is a new building.—Parsonage small; better furnished than last year;—has a committee of ladies who attend the parsonage property and to furnishing it. Stewards efficient; look after his interest, and care for him. He is well provided for. Official members attend Quarterly Conference very well. Stewards have entire control of finances; he has nothing whatever to do with that. Spiritual condition very good, as evidenced by attendance upon Church ordinances and social meetings held by laymen. S. S. work has increased. Heads of families, he thinks, take commendable interest in S. S., as do also the young people. People do not conduct family worship as much as he would desire, though many do. Fifty-seven accessions since last District Conference; none since Annual Conference. Members do no not indulge in worldly amusements. They do not take church papers as much as he would wish. He had made speeches more than once to his Quarterly Conferences, setting forth the value of our church papers, but has not succeeded well in getting subscribers. Cause of Missions been presented to four churches with much greater success than last year, and thinks people more interested than heretofore. People are not accustomed to drinking; sober—very sober.....A. J. Price states: value of Church property, including parsonage, about $4,000. Expects to support preacher well, and meet their demands. Regards the condition of the charge hopeful.....G. D. Wolfe states that they keep up a prayer meeting regularly at Pleasant Grove; young men go from house to house in the neighborhood, and conduct prayer meetings, which has been in existence four years; kept up regularly, winter and summer; has been a great blessing to the community;—many conversions there;—he has enjoyed them exceedingly, and been largely

benefitted thereby. Young people also meet frequently and sing together.

Rev. L. McKinnon, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, was introduced to the Conference.

Pineville—Rev. L. E. Stacey, P. C.—Has four appointments. Attendance very large at Harrison's; at others not so large; improvement at Hebron since last year. Attendance upon ordinances good; large number usually commune; thinks very few, if any, do not commune Never been among a more moral people;—regards them pious though not demonstrative. Three Sunday Schools;—very interesting; supposes there is not a more interesting country S. S. in the District than the one at Harrison's Church;—two Sunday Schools continue all the year; the one at Harrison's been been going on he does not know for how long a time—wet or dry, rain or snow. Regards this as ane of the causes of success at that Church; some make it a specialty to always attend S. S., and never go anywhere else to the neglect of it. Use S. S literature. Churches all in good condition; all ceiled except one which is plastered; all painted; all have stoves but one. Parsonage which has been built, is secured to the Church; one-half paid for; balance has been arranged;—a first-rate house with six rooms;—has been said to be the best looking house in Pineville if painted; very well furnished; have added $52 to furniture this year; no well yet, but going to have one soon; have built a new barn and buggy house. No Methodist Church in the village; brick are now being made to build a Church there, which they hope to have erected at an early day.—Peace and harmony prevail; no discord; have as quiet time as any people, he supposes. Children, as they grow up, have been well cared for in regard to bringing them into the church of Christ.—Has no trouble or anxiety in regard to supporting his family; Stewards make ample arrangements for his supplies. Second year at that place:—people are as true as ever—rather better. These attentions from his people are essential to his success as a preacher; he could not succeed without them. Missionary interest regarded in the proper light. People do not take the Advocate as much as they should; they like it, however. Gets his supplies with the arrangements made by the Stewards about as cheap as if he paid cash; church property, including parsonage, $5,200.

Ansonville——Rev. J. N. Cole, P. C.—Has eight churches; preaches at four twice a month; others he cannot reach so often; preaches at a l on Sabbath; preaches at three churches one Sabbath. People attend services well; churches are crowded on Sabbath, except the one at Ansonville, which is very large. Five churches are very good; stoves in three of them;—a very convenient well arranged; and comfortable parsonage. First year on the circuit; some Stewards have been kind in looking after him. People observe the ordinances except baptizing their children; some do not do this. Very fine Sunday School; working well, and he thinks will do good;—

very fine S. S. at Polkton, Ansonville and Hopewell; growing every Sabbath. Has been a custom to disband and attend protracted meetings;—this custom he has been trying to break up. Young people attend church; are more punctual at S. S. than parents. Is not so hopeful of S. S. at Concord; has some very faithful workers there, but has not been able to get all interested. Thinks the spiritual condition of his people improving. His predecessor, Bro. Edwards, was a very faithful man, and he thinks he sees the fruits of his preaching now. Has some as good, pious people as he ever knew. Young people do not indulge in worldly amusements at all. Advocate is taken as generally as he could expect; thinks his people are disposed to take it; they have been trained to take their church paper. Stewards, he thinks, are clever, earnest men, and desire to bring up the interest of the church, and see it prosper; have visited him and inquired after his interest. The brethren of Ansonville have been eminently kind.....B. I. Dunlap states:—Church property valued at $4,000. More hopeful of finances than last year. Feels warranted in saying that his people are more interested in the support of the Gospel than ever. Some of the Stewards regard their positions more as nominal than as places of activity. Thinks the feeling is undergoing a change. He has visited his pastor a few times, and inquired after his wants;—thinks his people are inclined to supply his wants. Sunday School at Concord in a weak condition; has been a Sunday School there as long as there have been any in this country. People are not united; thinks this may be obviated—overcome. More and more convinced of the importance and value of Sunday Schools;—gave some valuable and interesting suggestions as to proper management in conducting them.

Lilesville.—Rev. T. W. Guthrie, P. C.—His first year on the Circ't. Has seven churches. Preaches once a month on Sabbath. Spiritual condition not as good as it ought to be. At some churches they are more spiritual and active than at others. At one they are greatly affected by dissensions; two accessions on profession of faith, and several by certificate. At some two or three there are good indications of revivals. Sunday Schools at every church doing good except at one. Three hundred and thirty-five S. S. scholars; three hundred and thirty-four members church;—one hundred and ten scholars at Lilesville; thinks it the most efficient and best conducted of any he has ever had the pleasure of attending. H. G. Fladger, Sup't, throws life and energy in it. Had a small beginning a few years ago, but under his active and admirable management, with the co-operation of others, it has grown to be a large school. Financial condition not good at one church; they have not paid a cent this year. Lilesville paid nearly half. Not many conduct family worship;—not many pray in public at all;—feels a great concern about this—feels there is a great want of family religion. Has asked the children if their parents ever talked to them on the subject of religion, and in every instance except one they have re-

plied no. He is a great advocate for instruction of the children by their parents, upon the subject of religion; feels to this day profoundly grateful for the religious instruction received from his parents at an early age. Three very good churches supplied with stoves; other congregations say they are going to put stoves in this Fall. Some disposition to improve their churches;—have improved one this year, and contemplate still further improvements; will be a good church if they carry out their plans, which they promise to do.....H. G. Fladger reports: Church property valued at $5,500. Regards Sunday School steadily improving; one great thing is to get the parents to come out, and bring their children; if he can do this, and those who control the Sunday School have the cause at heart, the School is sure to prosper. He varies the exercises from Sabbath to Sabbath, having no regular form; uses International Lessons.

Preaching announced for to-night by Rev. T. S. Campbell, of Lexington. Adjourned.

Benediction by the President.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION, Friday, July 25, 1879.

President in the Chair promptly at 9 o'clock.

Religious services by Rev J. F. Butt.

Minutes read and approved.

Ten additional arrivals reported.

President delivered an address, burning with fervent eloquence, commending the consecration and devotion of the ministerial members during the past, expressing gratification at the evidences he has seen of their faithful labors, but beseeching them to endeavor to be still more entirely consecrated and zealous. The day has come when God calls more loudly and eloquently than ever before for such servants;—urging them by hard, steady and diligent application to prepare themselves for future demands. He pities any pastor whose heart is not really and fully in his work. He feels that the time is near at hand when the Church of God shall move on with more beauty, power and glory than ever before. Let us do our part to aid in pushing it forward. Concluding with an earnest exhortation to the laity to be better men; to strive to exert a purer and holier influence at home, in their families and communities.

PASTORAL CHARGES RESUMED.

Concord Sta.,—Rev. H. P. Cole, P. C.—Material condition unchanged—referring to Church property and financial condition of members. Regards the moral state and condition very good. Rules read and an application to each made in reference to his members; result very gratifying. No drunkenness, with one exception. A year ago he referred to this; is now happy to state a great reforma-

tion has taken place, though it is not complete. Not a dram drinker that he knows of. His members believe in temperance and are ready to work for the cause. Very little trouble with worldly amusements; one or two violations last Winter;—all but one, he thinks, will make confessions; if not he will enforce the Discipline. Not a habitual swearer among his members. Never had a charge which he regarded as better, morally. Spiritual condition he represented with trembling heart;—for while there are many evidences of spirituality—that he knows they have it in the church—yet he knows it is not what it should be; though it will compare favorably with others. But they should have more spiritual power. Prayer meetings well attended. Have experience meetings generally in connection with prayer meetings. Brethren speak hopefully of their spiritual condition. Family worship:—a very large per cent. attend to this—much larger than usual. Sacraments very well observed. Infants are baptized, and his people commune. People expecting, hoping, praying God's blessing upon this Conference;—that He may pour out His Spirit upon us, and greatly revive and richly bless this community.....W. R. Odell reports: Paid P. E. $30; pastor, $214.23; collected for Bishop $3.50; missions, $25; incidentals, $23.30; Sunday Schools, $6.86.....W. J. Montgomery reports: Church property $6,000.....Rev. H. P. Cole states: Figures presented in financial report may appear small, but are very liberal sums indeed. The church is really poor in worldly goods, but rich in a generous liberality; as rich as as any he ever served. They pay about $8 per member. Sunday School doing a good work. Maj. W. J. Montgomery, Sup't. Use our literature. Some Sunday School material true and tried. Regular missionary collection in Sunday School monthly. Many pleasant things of a social character might be said, but he forbears. Advocate has a very extensive circulation.....Rev. F. L. Reid, of the Advocate, states he thinks Concord does as well, if not better than any place in the State, in her subscription to the Advocate—comparing membership.....President calls attention to pastor's reference to the people's expectations and prayers for a blessing from the Conference. Entreats earnest prayer.

Harrisburg—Rev. H. P. Cole stated that Bro. J. C. Thomas, pastor there, was sick. He had hoped he would be present, but had received a letter from him stating he could not, which letter, though private, he would with permission from the Conference, read. The following is the consoling and sublimely eloquent letter:

"DEAR BRO COLE:—I have been hoping all the time that I might be able to attend the District Conference, but I find myself disappointed in not being able to do so, as my health has not improved;—in the last few weeks I have also had several chills. Submissive to Divine Providence, and prayer to our Gracious God are about the only duties I can perform.—I hope a favorable change may take place, and that I may yet be permitted to preach Christ. Remember me specially to Sister C., Dr Bobbitt, and inquiring friends. Hoping you will have a good and prosperous session, I am,

Yours, in Christ, J. C. THOMAS."

Rev. Cole read this letter with throbbing heart, tearful eyes and broken voice. Profound silence and manifest sympathy prevailed not only among the members of the Conference, but the entire large

audience. Rev. Cole then paid a brief, eloquent, and touching tribute to this much beloved and useful man of God. He was then followed by Rev. T. W. Guthrie who also paid a splendid tribute to Bro. Thomas, his heart becoming so full of sympathy that he was forced to stop and weep in the midst of his remarks. At his conclusion, Rev. J. H. Guinn moved prayer in behalf of the three sick members of this Conference. Rev. T. W. Guthrie, by request, from President, lead in prayer.

Concord Ct.—Rev. W. D. Lee, P. C.—There are in proportion to No. of members as many zealous, praying, working Christians as he has ever found. Some members are extraordinary in their Christian labors As far as he can judge there are as many as spiritual as he has ever found; but there are a number connected who are not worth counting; if he could leave them out, he could make a very favorable report—but taken as a whole, he cannot Ordinances not well attended at all appointments. They are well attended at Mt. Olivet. People there have been bringing their children in the initiatory step into the church by baptism;—there have been but few presented at other churches for baptism. He has been surprised, and he regrets to see so few commune; though at these some do commune. This is his first year; but he has heard there has been a good deal of dram drinking at other times;—this is incompatible with our Christianity;—has no personal knowledge of any during his administration, though he is afraid there is now a good deal of immorality at some points; expects to discipline them unless they reform. Have S. S. at all but one church in successful operation. Very promising school at Center; 50 scholars. School at Union, where they have not had one for years; is doing tolerably well. The great want of greater success is more interest with older members. Schools at other places doing well. Financial colections that he is expected to make, have not been attempted, except for S. S. and American Bible Society. People do not take the Advocate as generally as they should;—people do not read as much as they should; has observed fewer books among his people than any whom he has served. Cause of education is very much neglected;—people are less ambitious in regard to education than any he has known. The schools they have had have generally been taught by inefficient teachers.....J. A. Fink states: Church property, $4,000; five churches—comfortable, with stoves in all;—no parsonage; one of the 3 charges in the District without one. The Stewards are very earnest, generally, and expect to meet the financial claims upon them.....Dr. Lee states that if all were of the same mind and spirit as their Recording Steward, he would have no trouble with finances; that he has known him to borrow money to pay his preacher.

Rev. A. D. Betts, of Greensboro District, presented.

Announced that Rev. J. T. Harris would preach at 11 o'clock.

Adjourned with the benediction by the President.

AFTERNOON SESSION, Friday, July 25.

President in the Chair,
Religious services by Rev. J. N. Cole.

PASTORAL CALL RESUMED.

Calvary—Rev. J. F. Butt, P. C.—Spiritual condition good; have been more or less under revival influence for a year or more; have had about 60 conversions. Have a ladies' prayer meeting Thursday evening at 4 o'clock;—exerts a wonderfully good influence over church and community. Church organized into classes;—six leaders; each has a class under his special care, having oversight of their spiritual deportment, and reports any improper conduct to a monthly meeting of Leaders and Stewards, which they regularly hold. No drinking members. None go to the circus or dance;—would expel any such. Have, since last Conference, expelled some ten or fifteen. Leaders meet their classes at church every Friday night. Sunday afternoon, for eighteen months, have never missed holding a class-meeting lead by these leaders alternately. Attended by members from all denominations. Stewards meet weekly. Sunday School right flourishing;—regards it as increasing constantly, in numbers and interest. Church property valued at $1,500. They do not owe anything;—never have.

Albemarle Ct.—Rev. I. T. Wyche, the pastor, being sick and absent from Co ference, was represented by V. Mauney, a layman from that charge. Spiritual condition fair. Attendance upon the preaching of the Word of God, good so far as his knowledge extends. Valuation of Church property, $3,500. Have recently built a new church, which he thinks is a pretty fair building. The congregation is small there; understands they have built the church themselves. He has understood they have incurred no debt. Not prepared to make a definite report upon finances. The Stewards are liberal and energetic and he hopes will succeed in supporting their pastor. Finances were in a very fair condition at Second Quarterly meeting.....Robert Lentz states: Interest of Sunday School good; two at Center;—both doing well. Is not prepared to report fully throughout the charge, but thinks they are prosperous..... President reports that the School at Albemarle is excellent..... Lentz reports that Bro. Wyche is convalescent, though still unable to attend his appointments.

On motion of Rev J. H. Guinn, Rev. W. D. Lee was added to Committee on Public Worship.

Rev.'s C. M. Pepper and J. F. Butt offered the following resolution in regard to temperance, which was supported by speech from Rev. C. M. Pepper, and seconded by Rev. J. H. Guinn. Further remarks were made by Rev. T. W. Guthrie, and the resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, 1. That we are more and more convinced of the propriety of our general rules, which prohibit the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage.

2. That we believe it to be the imperative duty of every member of our church to abstain entirely from the use of all intoxicating beverages as beverages; and we believe whiskey to be greatly overrated as a medicine.

C. M. PEPPER.
J. F. BUTT.

Rev. A. A. Boshamer offered the following resolution for publishing synopsis of the proceedings of this Conference in Raleigh Chr. Advocate, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to furnish a brief synopsis of the proceedings of the proceedings of this District Conference for publication in the Raleigh Christian Advocate.

A. A. BOSHAMER.

The following resolution in reference to Southern Quarterly Review was offered by Rev.'s J. N. Cole and T. W. Guthrie, and adopted:

WHEREAS, The Committee appointed by the late General Conference to arrange for the publication of a Review, have performed that duty and performed it well; therefore,

Resolved, That we rejoice at this advanced step taken in our church literature, and that we cheerfully and heartily commend this enterprise to our preachers and people, as worthy of their support and patronage.

JOHN N. COLE.
T. W. GUTHRIE.

PASTORAL CHARGES RESUMED.

Wadesboro Sta.,—Rev. P. L. Groom, P. C.—Spiritual condition tolerable; supposes will compare favorably with that of the Church generally. Social meetings pretty well attended. Troubled to some extent with indulgence in worldly amusements. Sunday-School attendance very good. Collections good. Our literature well circulated. His first year. People have well cared for him. Advocate tolerably well taken.....B. G. Graham reports: Church property, $3,000. Paid pastor $155; P. E., $30; Missions, $18; Sunday-School, $40; Incidentals, $14. Sunday-School members, 75.

Mt. Pleasant—Rev. J. B. Alford, P. C.—Spiritual condition not much improved since last Conference. Six appointments; preaches twice each Sabbath. Class meeting at two. Prayer meeting at three. Five Sunday-Schools; doing tolerably well; some improvements during this year. Some churches need repairs. Stoves for every church; bought three this year. Arranging to repair churches. Congregations increased; were larger last round than at any time before. Thinks the people generally look forward to protracted meetings for revivals. This he regrets;—should enjoy a a revival spirit constantly. No difficulty with regard to infant baptism, or worldly amusements. People always contribute, but to a very limited extent, when he makes application for Missionary collection. Church property valued at $5,000. All the delegates from my charge present. Considerable improvement among his official members in their attendance upon their official meetings.....E.

Mauney reports: Pastor not as well supported as he should be, but he hopes during the year they will come nearly up. Church property he does not think increased in value.....Rev. J. B. Alford reports, that recently some of his members have broken the Sabbath by visiting watering places on that day; he preached upon the subject, and he has since learned they have promised to cease doing so. Has given some attention recently to the importance of family worship;—regards this neglect as a great evil on the Mt. Pleasant Circuit. Advocate taken to some extent; some improvement. There is a great lack of reading our church literature. They take and read secular papers.

Wadesboro Ct.—Rev. O. J. Brent, pastor, being absent on account of sickness, charge represented by John Robinson. Not prepared to give an elaborate report. Seven appointments. Not acquainted with the spiritual condition of Circuit at large. Pastor has been unable, for some time past, to attend to his duties. At his church they are doing very well—both in the church and Sunday-School. Valuation of church property, $4,300.

Monroe Sta.—Rev. J. H. Guinn, P. C.—Doesn't know that he can report any improvement in spiritual condition since last Conference; some think there has been, but he has been unable to decide; he is convinced it is not near what it should be. Have some very devoted, good, pious men and women, who have the cause of God at heart. Some who are religious but not moral; some moral who are not religious;—some who are neither religious or moral. Some indulgence in worldly amusements; more would if they had opportunity to gratify their desires. Has catechised his members personally in regard to their spiritual condition. Some say they enjoy religion. He has been discouraged, but was comforted by President telling him he thought his people were as pious as they were elsewhere;—he may have made his standard too high. There has been material improvement in behavior at church. Has a good Sunday School;—average attendance, 120. Full supply of S. S. literature; have just expended $56;—use "New Life." Church organ not extensively taken by members;—he has talked and preached upon the importance of taking the Advocate, and has visited them with both the Agents. His people do not read much, except the secular papers. They are a working people; it is work! work! work! all the time;—he hopes they will improve in that direction, as they are working very hard to educate their children. Raises all S. S. money by penny collection. Collection 4th Sabbath in each month appropriated to Missionary cause. People and pastor are getting nearer together; has received this year a great many more tokens of appreciation than last year—not that they were inattentive last year, however. They are looking after his support, though they are not up with his finances—yet he has not had to go in debt; has received enough money to avoid this;—never fails to get money when he asks for it. The financial outlook is better than at this time last year. Social meetings well attended by the young people;—not so well by the old people. Family worship

sadly neglected. Congregations very good.....T. D. Winchester reports: Church property $3,500.

Rev.'s B. Craven, D. D. and T. M. Jones, D. D., introduced to the Conference.

Rev. T. W. Guthrie moved that the Educational interest be made the subject for consideration at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning. Carried.

Rev. L. E. Stacey asked leave of absence for Bro. Helms.—Granted.

Preaching at night by Rev. J. H. Guinn. of Monroe.

Adjourned with benediction by the President.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION, Saturday, July 26.

President in the Chair at 9 o'clock.

Religious services by Rev. Z. Rush.

Letter from Mrs. N. H. D. Wilson in reference to Woman's Missionary Society read. Speech upon same was made by Rev. T. W. Guthrie, who offered the following resolutions relative thereto, which were adopted:

Resolved, That we heartily approve the action taken by our last General Conference in providing for the enlistment and development of the sympathies and efforts of the female portion of our Church in the organization of female Missionary Societies, in connection with all our pastoral charges.

Resolved, That we are pleased to receive a communication from Mrs. N. H. D. Wilson, President of the Conference Missionary Society, and do pledge her that we will, so far as we possibly can, use our best efforts to organize Woman's Auxiliary Societies at all our churches.

T. W. GUTHRIE.

Rev. J. N. Cole stated that a Woman's Missionary Society had been organized at Ansonville, and Rob't Lentz reported one at Center. Both are prosperous and doing a good work.

Rev. N. M. Jurney, representing Missionary Herald for Bro. Raven suggests the appointing of a Committee to solicit subscriptions —saying the paper was on a safe foundation, having 1,100 subscribers. Rev N M Jurney was requested to receive subscriptions. Rev C. M. Pepper endorsed the Herald as being an excellent paper.—Price, 75 cents.

The following resolution in reference to electing Recording Stewards to District Conference, was offered by Dr. J. C. Brown and W. P. Davis, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this District Conference request the Quarterly Conferences in their election of delegates to our District Conference hereafter to elect the Recording Stewards, and request them always to come up with a full report as to financial condition of their charges, in figures and facts.

J. C. BROWN.
W. P. DAVIS.

Rev. T. W. Guthrie and H. G. Fladger, offered the following resolutions in reference to Advocate:

Resolved, That we believe the Raleigh Christian Advocate, edited by our brethren, Black & Reid and under their management, is doing a good work for the cause of religion. We are especially pleased with the systematic arrangement of its matter, and the prominence given to the advocacy of a pure and an elevated standard of piety. We think it worthy to be placed on the center-table of the most refined and cultured Christian family. It materially assists the pastor in carrying out his plans—in developing the interests of the church.

Resolved, That we think the Advocate ought to be taken by every Methodist family within the bounds of the whole Conference.

Resolved, That we not only cheerfully and heartily recommend the Advocate to the patronage of all our people, but that we will urge every family which can possibly do so, to take and read it.

T. W. GUTHRIE.
H. G. FLADGER.

Speeches were made by Rev. F. L. Reid, one of the editors, W. J. Yates, Rev. A. A. Boshamer, V. Mauney, Rev. C. M. Pepper, Rev. T. W. Guthrie, Rev. T. S. Campbell, John Woodhouse, and the resolutions were adopted.

The following resolution in reference to the Missionary Herald was offered by Rev.'s C. M. Pepper and Z. Rush, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we regard the Missionary Herald, published by Bro. Raven, a most excellent and valuable publication, and recommend it most heartily to all our people.

C. M. PEPPER.
Z. RUSH.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. A. A. Boshamer in reference to the Nashville Advocate, and adopted:

Resolved, That we recognize in the Nashville Christian Advocate —the organ of our General Conference, a worthy exponent of the doctrines of our church, and an excellent family paper, and we would advise all our people who can take more than one church paper, to subscribe for it. A. A. BOSHAMER.

Rev. W. S. Rone, of Washington District, and Rev. L. Dorland, of Presbyterian church, were introduced to the Conference.

Educational interest called up.

Rev. T. M. Jones, D. D., President Greensboro Female College, introduced and addressed the Conference upon the College. Catalogues of the College laid on the table for distribution.

Rev. B. Craven, D. D., LL. D., President of Trinity, introduced and addressed the Conference in relation to that College. Catalogues presented for distribution.

The addresses of Drs. Jones and Craven were of peculiar excellence and interest.

Rev. N. M. Jurney, Ag't Trinity, addressed the Conference also.

Rev. A. A. Boshamer and W. J. Montgomery offered the following resolution in reference to Drs. Jones and Craven, and Rev. N. M. Jurney, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we have very much enjoyed the presence and speeches of Drs. Jones and Craven, and Rev. N. M. Jurney, and we assure them of our high appreciation of, and interest in the institutions which they so ably represent, and promise our influence in their behalf.

A. A. BOSHAMER.
W. J. MONTGOMERY.

Rev. L. McKinnon asked permission to occupy sufficient time to thank Dr. Craven for his admirable speech.

Rev. A. A. Boshamer and others, offered the following resolution referring to the President, which was carried by rising vote:

WHEREAS, By the law regulating the pastorate in our church, the term of Rev. W. H. Bobbitt, D. D., as Presiding Elder of the Charlotte District, expires with the present Conference year; and

WHEREAS, We, the representatives of the various charges embraced in the District, desire to give some expression to our regard for him, and our estimate of his labors amongst us; Therefore,

Resolved 1. That we, speaking for the people to whom he has sustained the relation of Presiding Elder for more than three years, do recognize in him an able presiding officer, an earnest and successful preacher of the truth as it is in Jesus; and a faithful guardian of the interests of the church of which he is an honored minister.

2. That we cheerfully note and duly appreciate the development of the District under his efficient administration.

3. That whilst his official relation to us shall be severed at the approaching Annual Conference, we will retain him in our hearts, and pray for his success in the chosen work of his life.

4. That the Secretary be requested to furnish the Raleigh Advocate with a copy of these resolutions for publication.

A. A. BOSHAMER.
W. J. YATES.
J. B. ALFORD.
R. T. N. STEPHENSON.
T. C. SMITH.
C. G. MONTGOMERY.
T. W. GUTHRIE.
J. N. COLE.

Center Church, Stanly county, was selected as the place of meeting of next session of District Conference.

Adjourned with benediction by the President.

AFTERNOON SESSION, Saturday, July 26.

President in the Chair at 3 o'clock.

Religious services by Rev. J. H. Guinn.

PASTORAL CHARGES RESUMED.

Monroe Ct.—Rev. Z. Rush, P. C.—Has eleven appointments.—Material and means for a first rate Circuit. Too many appointments for the territory;—hopes to reduce to seven. Spiritual condition about average; not as good as he would like. Some very good, pious people. Sunday Schools tolerably good;—great want of interest at some places on part of parents. Parsonage at Monroe;—pleasant and desirable location; not well furnished; no well; great disadvantage, indeed. Very few copies of Advocates taken, he is sorry to say. Stewards are not taking the Advocate; don't think any man can make a good Steward who does not take his church organ. Finances behind. Congregations fair. Church property valued at $2,500. One stove only. Church buildings very inferior, indeed. Hopes to concentrate and improve the buildings.—....Bro. Marsh states: Stewards, he does not think, do as much as they ought in taking care of the pastor. Has not been to the parsonage himself to inquire after the pastor's needs, though he has seen him and inquired after him. Don't think they have the right men for Stewards. Records well kept.

Stanly Ct.—Rev. M. Foy, P. C.—Spiritual condition improving;—had revival last year; feared the reaction was serious, but the condition is now better. Prospect for a general revival brightening. Thinks the people love the church. Are a working people. Good many pray in public, and sing well. Our prayer meetings and young men's prayer meeting are accomplishing great good. Thinks impressions left by P. E. have been of great benefit. Have nine appointments and six churches;—most of them comfortable; four have stoves. Have nine Sunday-Schools;—they are better than ever;—about 450 scholars, if not more. Sunday-Schools well conducted, and furnished with S. S. literature. Not many take the Advocate. Valuation of church property, $4,000. People supporting him tolerably well. Good many pray in their families. Have a Parsonage, a new building, not well furnished but comfortable. Have class-meetings occasionally. Now have over 500 members of the church;—doubled during his pastorate; and built one new church.

North Charlotte—Rev. W. I. Hull, P. C.—Has five appointments. Five churches. Preaches at each monthly. Large congregations;—steadily increasing. No parsonage. Churches good. Three stoves. One church being finished now; a very good building.—Spiritual condition regarded rather below average, though have some revival interest. Five accessions; one conversion. Two very good Sunday-Schools. Use our S. S. literature. Advocate not taken. Has promises of subscribers this Fall. Most of them take secular papers. Some good men. Very few conduct family wor-

ship.....Church property reported by Bro. Cook, $2,000. Understands they purpose building a parsonage; and also another church.

Rev. C. M. Pepper asked leave of absence for himself. Granted.

South Charlotte—Rev. M. H. Hoyle, P. C.—Has four appointments; four churches; good, large church buildings; two are supplied with stoves;—three are excellent buildings;—one unfinished. Preaches at each monthly. Has a parsonage with thirty acres land. It is a comfortable house. Spring of good water, and all necessary out-buildings. Spiritual condition right good. Not many pray in their families or in public. Some gifted in prayer in public, do not conduct family worship. Some excellent young men pray in public. Sacraments well observed, except at Zion, where only a few baptize their children; at other points they do. A number take the Lord's Supper, who have not heretofore done so. Troubled at one point with drunkenness; fears he will have to discipline several. Some are guilty of a species of gambling—shooting for money, &c. That charge has been served for several years by pastors for only one year each, and would not know of this evil;—thinks it has been indulged in for a long time. Has three Sunday-Schools; two are live Schools;—one use Lesson Papers;—the other use Question Books. Interesting Bible class. Advocate not well taken. He is encouraged to believe he can do more than before for the paper. Church property valued at $3,000. Over 400 members. Difficult to arouse sufficient interest in cause of Missions. A little over 1-4 of salary paid self and P. E. Thinks they will come up pretty well; they have done as much for him, however, as last year. Gave him material aid in selecting a horse; then bought and paid for the horse, and made him a present of it. Has as good neighborhood at parsonage as any minister in the Conference.—Stewards frequently enquire after his wants. Thinks his people are waking up to the importance of properly caring for their pastor, and his will soon become the model Ct., in the District.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. J. F. Butt and R. H. Lentz in reference to Young Men's Christian Association, which was adopted:

Resolved, That as we believe from observation and experience, that the Young Men's Christian Association is doing great good in our State, as well as throughout our whole country, in removing the bigoted sectarian barriers that so much impede the conversion of the people, by bringing young men together from all denominations, forgetting all inessentials, and concentrating their united efforts for the conversion of souls; Therefore,

Resolved, That we feel a deep interest in their success, and bid them God speed in their noble work, and will, when not entirely inconvenient, give them all the assistance we can, and will aid them with our prayers.

JOHN F. BUTT.
R. H. LENTZ.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. J. N. Cole, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference, are due, and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Concord, for the very generous hospitality which they have extended to us during the present session.

2. That the thanks of the Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the various railroads for the courtesies of reduced fare.

A. A. BOSHAMER.
JOHN N. COLE.
T. W. GUTHRIE.

W. J. Yates moved this resolution be furnished Concord papers for publication.

The following were elected lay delegates to Annual Conference: T. D. Winchester, C. G. Montgomery, Dr. T. C. Smith, V. Mauney. Alternates: J. M. Alexander, Dr. J. C. Brown.

The following resolutions were offered by Rev.'s T. W. Guthrie and J. N. Cole, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the Christian courtesy of the pastors and congregations of this town and vicinity in the tender of their churches for our occupancy during our session.

T. W. GUTHRIE.
JOHN N. COLE.

Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to our worthy Secretary, C. G. Montgomery, for the impartial and very efficient manner by which he has kept the proceedings and minutes of this session of our Conference.

T. W. GUTHRIE.
JOHN N. COLE.

"Sweet By-and-Bye" was sung by the Choir.
Prayer by Rev. B. Craven, D. D.
Minutes read and approved.
Conference then adjourned.

W. H. BOBBITT, P. E.

C. G. MONTGOMERY, Secretary.

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